

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [023] with the following amended paragraph:

[023] The gas-impermeable bag 18 and its contents are then placed within an auto-clave. The pressure within the auto-clave may be elevated above ambient atmospheric pressure, for example, but not limited to, between 45 and 150 pounds per square inch. The temperature within the auto-clave may be raised above ambient temperature, for example, but not limited to, between 250 to 450 degrees Fahrenheit. The pressure differential between the inside of the gas-impermeable bag 18 and the pressure within the auto-clave causes the gas-impermeable bag 18 to have a skin tight fit over the cured composite stringer 10, the sheet 14 and the curing wing panel 12. There is bridging 26 of the ~~gas-permeable bag~~ ~~gas-impermeable bag~~ 18 from the base 24 of the stringer to the sheet 14, where the ~~gas-permeable bag~~ 24 ~~gas-impermeable bag~~ 18 does not transfer auto-clave pressure to either the sheet 14 or the curing wing panel 12.